

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 17, 2018, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lamboley led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, and Melissa Bosnich.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of January 17, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- December 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Pillai. ABSENT: Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy reported for the end of the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2018. The district's cash management and money market funds with Peru Federal Savings hold roughly \$2 million dollars with a weighted average return of .41 percent. The brokered accounts at Vezzetti Capital Management are \$5 million dollars with a net yield of .42 percent. The district's total cash and

investments at the end of the second quarter are approximately \$7 million dollars with a weighted average return of .42 percent.

Administrative Reports

Ms. Madden reported:

- A Principal and teacher from Putnam County Junior High School recently visited Parkside to observe our STEM lab. They are considering starting a program on a smaller scale. Mrs. Budnick and students were proud to show off our program and the visitors were very impressed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross informed the Board that Governor Rauner recently vetoed the bill that was designed to overhaul how the state distributes funding to public schools. This potentially further delays the distribution of funding to local school districts, although Mr. Cross thinks it is likely the veto will be overridden.

Update on Preschool for All Grant Application

Mr. Cross praised Mrs. McDonald for the exemplary job coordinating, researching and writing the Preschool for All Grant as well as the Preschool for All Expansion Grant on behalf of the district. Mrs. McDonald explained the Preschool for All Grant includes Dimmick and Dalzell in the half day program. The Expansion Grant is a full day program for four year olds identified as most at risk, which does not include Dimmick or Dalzell. She further explained some of the costs, services and personnel which would be part of both programs. Mr. Cross delivered the grant applications to the State Board of Education. The grants should be awarded by this April and Mr. Cross would like to have further discussions with the Board regarding the preschool program whether the district receives the preschool grant funding or not.

Update Regarding District Academic Standards Alignment

Drafts of the proposed Academic Standards, which align directly with the current Illinois State Learning Standards, were presented by Mrs. Bosnich. She and Brandi Anderson-Maier, Director of Special Services have been working on progression charts that will help our teachers better align to the standards, which should have a positive impact on our student achievement. Also, the charts progress into the next year's grade level which allow teachers to see what has been taught the prior year and what will be taught in the upcoming year. When work is completed at some point after the February 23 School Improvement Day, Mr. Cross will present the final documents to the Board for adoption. Mr. Cross reminded stated that this is related to Goal 2, Strategy 2.2 in the district's Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan.

Presentation of Recommended 2018-19 School District Calendar

Mr. Cross presented the final recommended 2018-19 School District Calendar. Based on teacher and staff feedback, there were some changes to Parent-Teacher Conferences. If approved, the calendar will be available for viewing on the website and distributed to parents.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Certified Faculty Seniority List for 2017-18

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2017-18 Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Non-Certified Faculty Seniority List for 2017-18

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2017-18 Non-Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Recommended 2018-19 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommended 2018-19 school district calendar as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Date and Time for the 2018 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the date, time, and location for the 2018 8th Grade Graduation. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2017 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A and 2016 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2017 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A and 2016 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt a resolution providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied for the payment of the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel and for the review and consideration of release of Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 19, 2017. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. ABSENT: Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:34 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2016 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to authorize destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2016 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to review and release the Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 19, 2017. AYE: 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.
AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary